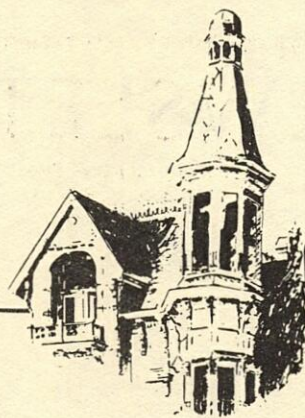


NEWSLETTER

Stephen Recken, Editor



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THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The CCHS annual luncheon will be held Sunday, January 19, at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Janet Stevenson, local author and historian, will be our featured guest speaker. Other highlights of the event include election of new board members and presentation of merit awards.

The 1:00 p.m. luncheon with no host social hour preceding will be \$6.25, including gratuity. Please make reservations by calling Darlene Felkins at the Heritage Center (325-2203). Payment can be made at the door, but we will need to know how many people plan to attend (mail reservation to CCHS 1618 Exchange Astoria, 97103).

Mark your calendar now for a very special afternoon.

FROM THE VOLUNTEER'S DESK

My friend Natalie DeSassise bestowed upon the Flavel House a lovely crystal chandelier from the Franciscovich family which caused an interesting chain of events. Fantasy is seldom realized, but one day I thought that someone should be dining under that elegant fixture.

Wouldn't it be nice to have real china and silver added to a holiday dinner with good friends and music. The dining room could have antique rose medallion in the credenza and on the table Minton china, tall five branch gold candelabra with silver goblets down the center hall table, blue and silver in the front parlor -- upstairs there could be antique Imari in the Chinese room to complement the lovely kimono that Nancy Lowe had given us. Undaunted I dreamed on.

The front bedroom could use pewter with plaid bows, the Captain's bedroom would have a pink and silver tree, mauve pillow shams on the bed, tables set with pink, white and gold Haviland. Then if all else filled up, the main hall upstairs would have a table with Scandinavian influence and I would loan my china to finish everything. Next we would need mantel pieces for each room and I knew the florists would respond with generosity, which they did. Astoria Floral, Erickson's, Lloyd's and Daisy Floral all helped.

How to put this all in place? Have chairpersons for each room. Pick up the phone and call Barbara Schwab, Eleanor Forrester, Nancy and Walter Daggatt, Mary Lou Cathcart, Mima Plumlee, Michael Foster, Jan Swanson, Roma Bigby, Mabel Hediger, Ellen Conger, Betty Coggins, Zoe Foster, Barbara Wagner, Gail Collins, Ann Feary, Marian Palmberg, Cynthia Marconeri, and voila, it would be done. Seaside and Warrenton High singers would make a nice appearance on the stairway. Marguerite Zorich could cater the food. Our usual generous hearted waitresses Sandy Baker and Millie Wright and their friends could present the meal. The Thunderbird might lend the tables and chairs. Mrs. Mason Morisset could create a floral arrangement to fit with the rose medallion china. It was a fantasy that really happened and it was wonderful.

Jean Anderson

SAVE THAT LEISURE SUIT!

Don't give away your old golf shoes that haven't been worn for 11 years, or toss your collection of Harlequin novels. CCHS is planning a rummage sale for this spring, and your castoffs might be treasures to our shoppers.

The date and location of the sale have not been established, but more news will be forthcoming. Watch for further announcements in the Newsletter. In the meantime, Iris Rook has volunteered to supervise this enterprise (phone 325-4026), with help from all of us.

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CALENDAR

January 19 Annual Membership Luncheon
February 19 Monthly Luncheon

JOINT MEETING WITH SEASIDE SOCIETY PLANNED

Bruce Berney, program Chairman, has announced that our February monthly luncheon will be a joint meeting with the Seaside Historical Society at the Shilo Inn. Featured speaker will be Dallas McKinnon. The February 19 luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. -- plan now to attend.

INTRODUCTION TO MUSEUM WORK

Are you looking for a stimulating way to spend your spare time in the next three months? Do you want an opportunity to learn more about local history and the role of CCHS? Please consider our Introduction to Museum Work class that we are offering this winter through Clatsop College. We hope that many present and prospective volunteers, as well as friends of CCHS, will enroll in the class.

The class will help develop skills in two broad areas: caring for artifacts and utilizing them as educational tools. This is an excellent opportunity to both discover how you would most like to use your volunteer talents and to acquire training.

The course may be audited or taken for two graded credits. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, January 9, at 9:00 a.m. in room 16 of Fertig Hall, Clatsop College. If you are over 62 be sure to ask about the "Gold Card." If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the course outline, please call David Peterson at the Heritage Center (325-2203).

CHRISTMAS EVENTS A SUCCESS

CCHS President Michael Foster announced the success of the 1985 Holiday events. "A Century of Christmas," held at the Foster home, attracted visitors from Portland and Seattle, as well as local residents. The decorating crew included Margaret Foster, Helen Ryan, Paul Strong, and Edith Rich. Marguerite Zorich provided delicious refreshments. Boise Cascade, through the efforts of Bill Dryden, provided greens. Val Holyoak and Al Bue designed the tickets, and local radio stations KAST, KVAS, and KMUN helped with the publicity. In all, "A Century of Christmas" netted \$1,300 for CCHS.

Tour Chairman Bruce Berney extended his thanks to all of the owners who generously opened their buildings to the public -- Bob and Mickey Nelson, the Apostolic Church, Len and Virginia Kaufman, the Rosebriar Inn, Bob and Dorothy Miles, and Vera Gault. Bruce also extended his thanks to the many volunteers who sold tickets. He observed that "the tours are an important part of our community life which draw visitors from throughout the Northwest. Sometimes it takes the enthusiasm of outsiders to remind us of the architectural and historic treasures which we sometimes take for granted."